



# Representation: At-Large vs. District Elections

A PRESENTATION TO THE MINNEAPOLIS CHARTER COMMISSION



# PROPOSAL TO REDUCE COMPOSITION & METHOD OF ELECTING THE MINNEAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL

- Minneapolis has had 13 wards since approx. 1872\*
- Over time, Council membership settled at one member per ward – 13 total
- With 2018 estimated population greater than 422,000, each Council Member represents a ward of approx. 32,460 residents
- Proposal to reduce the membership of the City Council—
  - 13 Members: 9 by ward and 4 at-large (approx. 46,888/ward)
  - 9 Members: 6 by ward and 3 at-large (approx. 70,333/ward)

\* For historical context, see report “*Minneapolis Charter & Elected Officials Key Timelines*” prepared by Office of City Clerk

# CURRENT COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP



# RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

## District Representatives



Dickie  
Thompson



David Cox



Corey  
Branch



Kay Crowder



Stef Mendell

## At-Large



Russ Stephenson



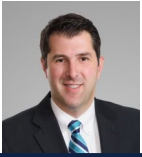
Nicole Stewart

## Key Demographics

	Raleigh NC	Mpls MN
Population	464,758	422,331
White Population	267,236 (57.5%)	269,479 (63.8%)
Non-White Population	197,522 (42.5%)	152,883 (36.2%)

# NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

## District Representatives



Joseph I.  
Giarrusso III



Jay H. Banks



Kristin Gisleson  
Palmer



Jason C. Brossett



Cyndi Nguyen

## At-Large



Helena Moreno



Jason Rogers  
Williams

## Key Demographics

	New Orleans LA	Mpls MN
Population	393,292	422,331
White Population	129,786 (33%)	269,479 (63.8%)
Non-White Population	263,505 (67%)	152,883 (36.2%)

# OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

## District Representatives



Dan Kalb



Nikki Fortunato  
Bas



Lynette Gibson  
McElhaney



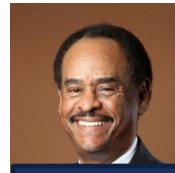
Sheng Thao



Loren Taylor



Noel Gallo



Larry Reid

## At-Large



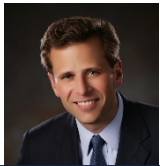
Rebecca Kaplan

## Key Demographics

	Oakland CA	Mpls MN
Population	425,195	422,331
White Population	110,125 (26%)	269,479 (63.8%)
Non-White Population	314,644 (74%)	152,883 (36.2%)

# OMAHA, NEBRASKA

## District Representatives



Pete Festersen



Ben Gray



Chris Jerram



Vinny Palermo



Rich Pahls



Brinker Harding



Aimee Melton

## Key Demographics

	Omaha NE	Mpls MN
Population	466,893	422,331
White Population	341,298 (73.1%)	269,479 (63.8%)
Non-White Population	125,594 (26.9%)	152,883 (36.2%)

# SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

## District Representatives



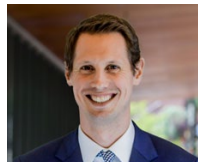
Lisa Herbold



Bruce Harrell



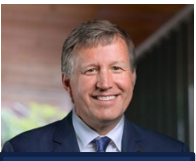
Kshama Sawant



Rob Johnson



Debora Juarez



Mike O'Brien



Sally Bagshaw

## At-Large



Teresa Mosqueda



Lorena Gonzalez

## Key Demographics

	Seattle WA	Mpls MN
Population	724,745	422,331
White Population	503,697 (69.5%)	269,479 (63.8%)
Non-White Population	221,047 (30.5%)	152,883 (36.2%)



# AUSTIN, TEXAS

## District Representatives

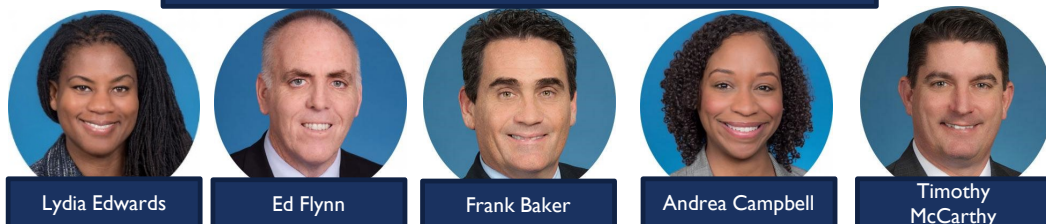


## Key Demographics

	Austin TX	Mpls MN
Population	950,715	422,331
White Population	649,338 (68.3%)	269,479 (63.8%)
Non-White Population	301,376 (31.7%)	152,883 (36.2%)

# BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

## District Representatives



## At-Large



## Key Demographics

	Boston MA	Mpls MN
Population	685,094	422,331
White Population	369,265 (53.9%)	269,479 (63.8%)
Non-White Population	315,828 (46.1%)	152,883 (36.2%)

# DULUTH, MINNESOTA

## District Representatives



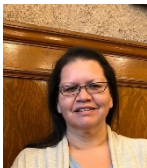
Gary Anderson



Joel Sipress



Em Westerlund

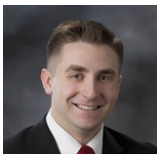


Renee Van Nett

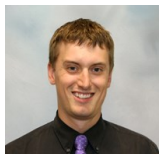


Jay Fosle

## At-Large



Zack Filipovich



Arik Forsman



Noah Hobbs



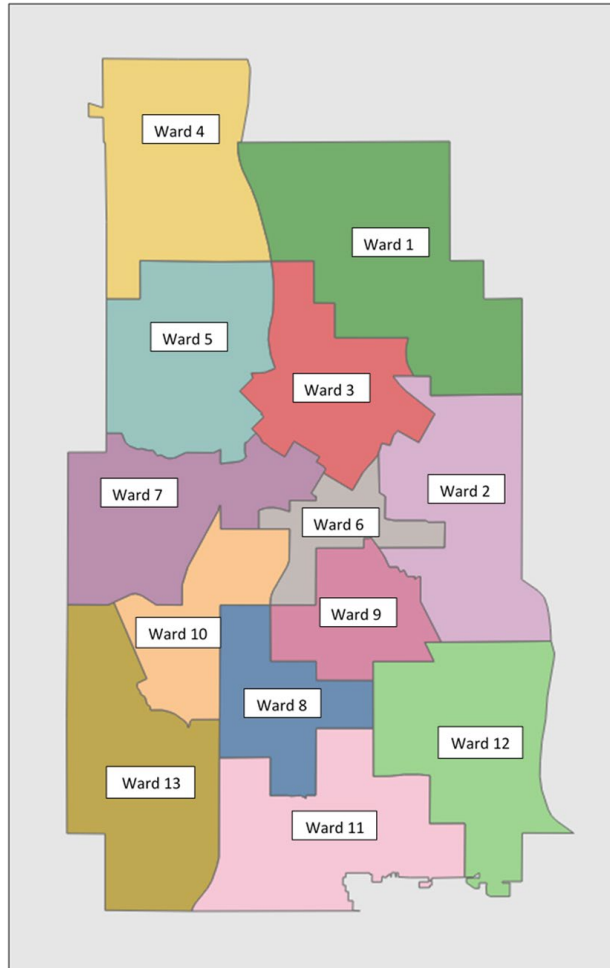
Barb Russ

## Key Demographics

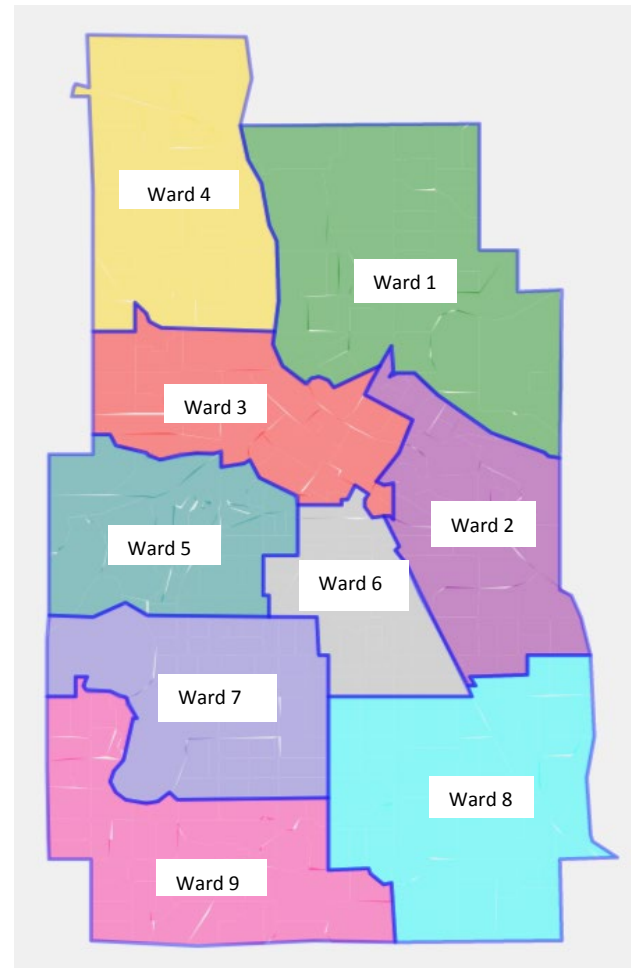
	Duluth MN	Mpls MN
Population	86,066	422,331
White Population	80,532 (92.7%)	269,479 (63.8%)
Non-White Population	6,282 (7.3%)	152,883 (36.2%)

# MINNEAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL: 2018-2021

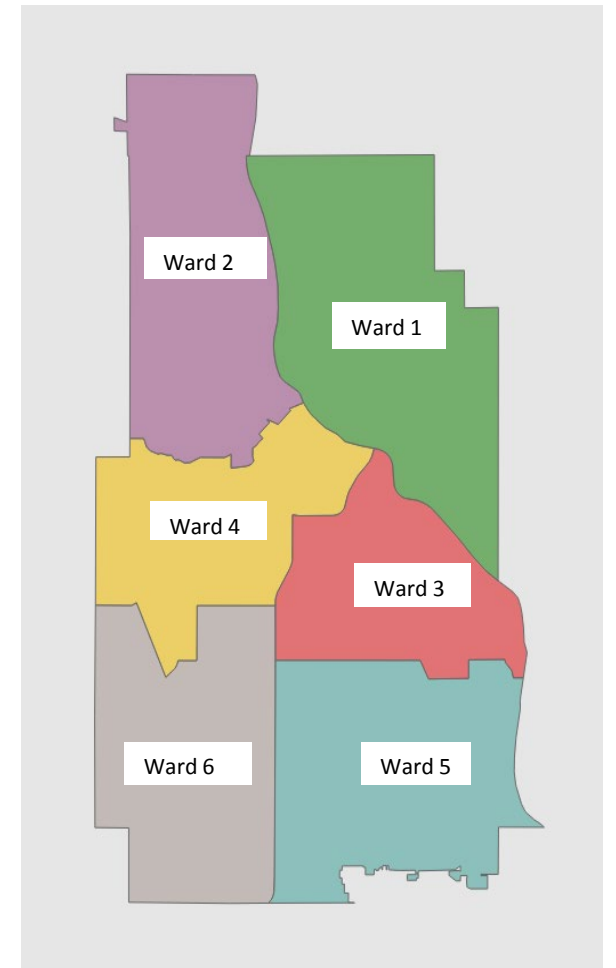
13 Wards/Council Members



9 Wards/Council Members



6 Wards/Council Members





# MINNEAPOLIS: DATA ANALYSIS

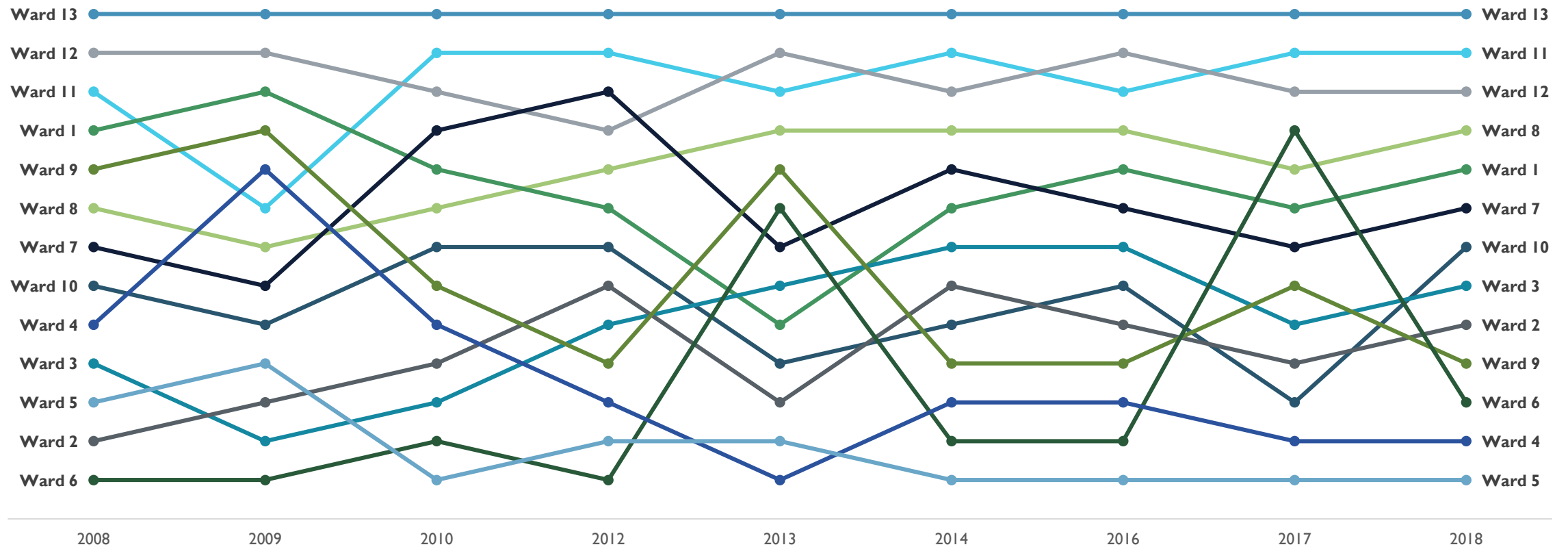
Visualizations of Key Municipal Demographic Data

Prepared by the City's IT Data Analytics Team



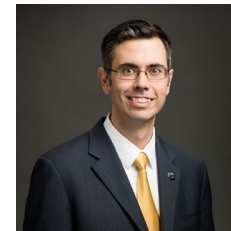
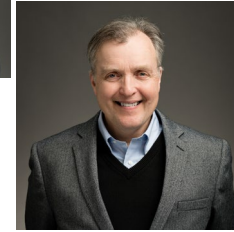
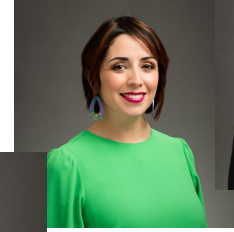
# VOTER TURNOUT BY WARD

## Minneapolis Registered Voter Turnout by Ward 2008 - 2018



# Minneapolis City Council

## Current Composition





# Minneapolis City Council

## Consolidated into 6 Wards

Based on 2017 vote distribution

